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Weary, Yet Waiting.

I am weary, yet I would not
Flee away and be at rest,
Jesus loves me, and He could not
Fail to give me what is best.

I am weary night and morning
Of the world's incessant strife;
But I know the day is dawning
Of a bright immortal life.

I can wait a little longer,
For His will is very dear;
And in waiting I grow stronger,
For I feel the day is near.

Not a moment will He keep me
When the harvest-time has come;
Angel messengers will reap me,
And shall take the harvest home.

Where He is—so hath he taught me
I shall be when I can bear
All the weight of glory brought me,
By his intercessions there.

Welcome then be every dealing,
That is helping to the end;
Though the discipline I'm feeling,
I can hail it as a friend.—Sel.

Miami Valley Items.

On March 1st, according to appointment we commenced our meetings in the new church at Miamisburg.

Our meetings were doomed to interruptions from the very commencement. Expecting that Bro. J. H. Worst might put in an appearance almost at any time, we had not made any arrangements about our regular appointments elsewhere.

So on the first Saturday and Sunday in March we were compelled to drop everything to go to Pleasant Hill. We found everything going along cheerfully, and the usual large congregations were in attendance.

On Monday night we returned to Miamisburg. In the mean time we had announced that we would define our faith and practice. So for four consecutive evenings we preached on The Church, Baptism, Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. Very little was known of the Brethren church, so everybody was anxious to get acquainted with us. Therefore we had crowded houses, and the people paid very respectful attention.

On Friday evening we received a telegram informing us of the death of Bro. Christian Dunkel of Covington, and requesting me to preach the funeral on Sunday morning.

We hunted up our Bro. Samuel Kiehl, who consented to fill our place at Miamisburg on Sunday evening, providing we could not get back in time.

On Sunday morning, the 11th, we were at Covington, to attend to the last sad service that we could perform for our much esteemed brother. The pastor of the Presbyterian church, the largest building in town, kindly tendered his church and services for the occasion.

The day, although pleasant overhead, was cold, bleak and stormy yet a very large crowd was present. The church would seat 800 people comfortably and every available spot was crowded. To look around and see the sorrow portrayed on the hundreds was eulogy enough, and spoke volumes of the esteem in which he was held by those who had known him for years.

The record he left behind him

was so generally known that no words were necessary to put him in a proper light in the minds of the people. More than once during that day we heard the remark, that if there was a man that did not have an enemy in the world, that man was Christian Dunkel.

Our brother was over 76 years, and had been ever blessed with a rugged and healthy constitution. He was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio 52 years ago. His first wife and eight children have preceded him to the better land. None of his children reached more than 6 years old.

And what can we say to our dear sister, who is now left in her old days to continue the journey of life alone. No child upon whom she could lean, which was all the harder to bear on account of the happiness and love that reigned in the home. We are glad she is no stranger to him who sympathizes with us in our sorrow, and who promises to be a husband to the widow. It will be but a short separation at longest. May the Lord ever bless her with his consolation.

We continued our meeting at Miamisburg until Saturday evening the 17th. We received 13 accessions to the church. The prospects are bright, and every one is encouraged.

The people were somewhat disappointed in not hearing Bro. Worst. We did the very best we could under the circumstances. We are glad to hear of his success elsewhere. Although others are enjoying his services, yet so selfish are we, that we feel very unwilling to give up for the benefit of others.

There are many good friends of Bro. Worst's that will be very sorry to know that he will not visit Ohio this winter.

On next Sunday evening, the 25th, we will commence our meeting at Little York.

We want to change our present order of services, as it is almost impossible to make things go under present regulations. Our regular Sunday at Pleasant Hill will be on April 1st, but under the revised order it will be on the 8th of April. To make things go along as they ought to we will have to make the change.

Bro. Kilhefner is here in the "Valley" on College business. We see by the *Twin Valley Times* that he was preaching in the new church at West Alexandria. We hope he will have abundant success. Bro. Brown and I will help him all we can. I will canvass the Pleasant Hill, Little York and Miamisburg congregations for him.

Having quite a lot of *Home Pulpits* on hand, we have gathered them together and bound them all in one book. They make quite a book and just the thing to have in the family. We only have a limited number, and as far as they go we will furnish them neatly bound at \$1 per volume.

EDWARD MASON.

Milford, Ind.

Sometime has elapsed since my last communication appeared. I intended to write more than I have written, but deviated from my intentions through force of circumstances. Whatever others may be governed by, I am controlled more or less by circumstances. We are all creatures of circumstances. "Thy will, not mine, be done," is a familiar maxim and is of practical application to the man professing godliness.

While I have been silent in the *EVANGELIST* I have not been inactive in my field of labor. I have done more work since I came to Indiana than ever before in the same length of time. I had neither time to fight nor play; but steady, earnest work has been my lot and when rest should have come I had to forego its benefits and suffer the penalty that follows the violation of natural law. But as long as health and vigor last I am willing to go upon the altar and offer myself a "living sacrifice." It is my reasonable service. I am only sorry I can not do more. I should much like to fulfill my promise to the brethren at West Alexandria, O.; but owing to unexpected discouragements in the work of which I knew nothing when I made the promise and over which I had no control, I am necessitated to forego the pleasure of meeting with that energetic people. May the Lord bless them.

If present indications are an index to success, the work here will be more encouraging in the future than it has been for some time in the past. May we all watch and pray to this end and God will give us prosperity. If we plant and water prayerfully God will give us increase. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

About six months have passed by since I promised to hold a series of meetings at Mexico, Ind. I preached for them between my appointments at Milford, a short series of sermons which resulted, by the blessing of God, in five conversions. All have been baptized by a Bro. Zook, of Roann, who attended the meetings with others from the same place. Bro. Fitzgerald and Bro. W. L. Stahl were also in attendance. They both assisted in song and prayer service. This was my first acquaintance with Bro. Fitzgerald. I was much pleased to meet him. Bro. Stahl was formerly a student at Ashland College and is now located at Tiosa, where he is clerking and doing some ministerial work. He is improving as a speaker, and is booming the Tiosa Sunday school of which he is superintendent.

There was but one member of the Brethren church at Mexico, Mrs. J. O. Fisher. She is full of energy and does much for the cause by distributing tracts, by her conversation, and Christian influence. All the accessions are reliable and influential persons and will give the cause prestige. The meetings were

largely attended and closed with the enthusiasm still on the ascendancy. The field will likely be a fertile one. I shall "slip" down once in a while between Sundays and give them an occasional meeting.

A. A. COBER.

Columbus, Ohio.

As I promised some of the brethren of Pleasant Valley church, Kansas, of which we are members, that I would write to the paper occasionally, I shall take this first opportunity of sending a few lines for publication.

I left Parsons, Kans., on the 14th of February, and arrived at Columbus the 18th. After visiting among relatives for several days, we located in the city of Columbus, and am working for a contractor whenever the weather is fit to be out.

We have been having some very nice weather, but at the present it is somewhat cold and is snowing. Farmers are not doing any thing toward their crops yet, the ground being frozen. I suppose that farmers in Kansas are getting ready to plant by this time, as the spring is much earlier there than here.

I would say to our friends in Kansas, that we like to live here very well so far, but would like it much better if there was a brethren church here, but as we do not have the privilege of attending the church of our choice, we attend the Methodist meetings and Sunday school. Have a very good school, an attendance of one hundred.

If any of our ministers ever pass through Columbus we would like for them to stop off and preach for us, corner of Main street and Champion Avenue.

Would like to be informed through the *EVANGELIST* as to where the nearest Brethren church to Columbus is located.

Will close for this time and would like to hear from Pleasant Valley church through the paper often.

JOHN, D. VITUM.

Gratis, Ohio.

I have just finished reading the *EVANGELIST* through and was surprised to know that brother Worst was still at South Bend. We thought he was at Miamisburg assisting Bro. Mason in his protracted meeting, and expected him here at Gratis to hold a few meetings in this month, but we are disappointed. Such is life, full of disappointment.

Our new church will be ready for dedication on Easter Sunday, April 1st. All are invited to attend.

We have a Woman's Christian mite society at Gratis, something like the Woman's Christian Endeavor, spoken of in the *EVANGELIST* some time ago, only the proceeds are kept at home, a kind of Home Mission Society for our church. We organized over a year ago, the first Thursday in January. We have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, assistant Secretary and Treasurer. We meet every Thursday after-

noon and sew at quilts, domestic sewing, or whatever we have to do for 50 cts. an afternoon. We have our business meeting the first Thursday in every month. Each member pays 5 cent dues every month. We have some twenty members. All the proceeds go toward our church, so you see we women are doing what we can. We have bought the carpet for the church; bought a Bible and have about \$15 to help buy the chandelier.

We expect with the help of God, to work on, and after we get in our new church home, we may help the missionary cause abroad.

ELNORA HENDRIX.

Goshen, Ind.

Elder J. M. Rittgers commenced a series of meetings at our school house on Saturday evening, March 3rd. Notwithstanding the extreme roughness of the roads and dark nights, the congregations were good, both in size and interest, and increased every night up to Friday night, when the rain coming from above, and cold water in another direction from whence it ought not, almost completely drowned us out over Sunday.

The second week opened with fair weather which continued all week. Our congregations again increased in number and interest and we closed our meetings on Friday evening with a full house, a deep interest, many good promises, strong encouragement from some of the best citizens, and one accession to the church.

Circumstances which could not be avoided and need not be stated here made it impossible for Bro. Rittgers to stay with us longer, but arrangements are being perfected whereby he will be enabled to give us regular meeting during the summer, and we expect to be able to report good news from this quarter before many months.

Bro. Rittgers made many friends while here which he does wherever he goes, and the people are anxiously awaiting his return.

ENOS SALA.

From Julia A. Wood.

The good news in *EVANGELIST* No. 10, that Ashland College is saved to the church—its "affairs adjusted," was a great relief to my praying heart concerning its deliverance. God bless those ex-trustees and noble students who have agreed to do their share for its relief. I believed they would "relieve the oppressed" ere the hour of sacrifice came to the College property. They are performing a divine injunction—a *Christian deed*. Now come one and all, making the work easy upon those involved. With charity, sympathy and good will, the Lord is well pleased. "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the house-hold of faith."—Gal. 6.

Bremo Bluff, Va., March 12.

Nothing worth having is gained by sin; nothing worth keeping is lost by holiness.